The State of Maryland

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 1, 2014

WHEREAS, *In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer, during which people throughout the United States were encouraged to pause in intercession for our nation; and*

WHEREAS, *Prayer can play a valuable and productive role in strengthening bonds of understanding, tolerance, friendship and unity among all people; and*

WHEREAS, *Marylanders cherish our heritage of religious freedom and throughout our State and the Nation events will take place to celebrate and honor the National Day of Prayer; and*

WHEREAS, *Maryland is pleased the historic role that prayer has played in our nation by observing the first Thursday in May as National Day of Prayer.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby commemorate MAY 1, 2014 as NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.

Given *Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,*
this **1st** *day of* **May**
Two Thousand **and fourteen**

Governor

Lt. Governor

Secretary of State